

A REPRIEVE GRANTED TO MRS. MARY M. ROGERS BY GOV. CHARLES J. BELL

A Stay of Execution Until Friday, June 2, 1905---
Reprieve Granted on Claim That She Had Not a Fair Trial.

AND THAT EVIDENCE
AGAINST HER WAS FALSE

Governor Does Not in Any Way Pass Upon the Question as to Whether Such is the Fact--Believes Laws of the State Just.

Waterbury, Feb. 2.—Governor Charles J. Bell this afternoon granted a reprieve to Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, who is sentenced to be hanged tomorrow for the murder of her husband, Marcus Rogers. The reprieve lasts until Friday, June 2, 1905.

Gov. Bell grants the reprieve on the ground that her attorneys claim that she had not had a fair trial and that the evidence against her was false.

The exact wording of the reprieve follows:

"I grant a reprieve to Mrs. Mary M. Rogers until Friday, June 2, 1905.

"I do this expressly and only on the ground that she claims through her attorneys that she has not had a fair trial and that the evidence produced against her was false. I do not in any way pass upon the question as to whether such is the fact. I leave that question entirely with the courts, to which she now has full recourse.

"I fix the date June 2, 1905, since that will enable her to bring her case with all the new evidence she claims to have, before the supreme court at the May term, and the decision of that court upon her application must be final so far as executive power is concerned. No consideration is given in granting the reprieve to the complaints made by outsiders that the laws of Vermont are cruel and barbarous. I believe the laws of Vermont are just and merciful and express the will and wish of the people of the state and the best judgment of the enlightened and law-abiding people of the commonwealth. I shall not by any act of mine, attempt to thwart the expressed will of the people or undertake to change the policy of our law in regard to capital punishment."

PUTS NO FAITH IN PERHAM.

Governor Bell Says That by His Own Confession He Is a Liar.

Montpelier, Feb. 2.—In a statement here this morning, Gov. Bell said: "Personally, I put no faith in the confession made by Leon Perham at the eleventh hour. Perham, by his own confession, is a liar, and why should he be believed now any more than at the trial?"

CONDEMNED WOMAN AWAITS THE DECISION

Ominous Silence at the Prison, Where She Takes on New Hope at Move for a Reprieve.

Windsor, Feb. 2.—Mary Mabel Rogers, in her lonely cell, and all the good people in Windsor alike, are turning a keenly sensitive ear to catch the first word that shall come from Gov. Bell. Will it be reprieve? They hardly dare to hope, but so intense is the expectant interest in Windsor that its influence can be felt in the very air as one walks abroad.

There is an ominous silence in prison and out. That the very "hangmen" themselves, the sheriffs, should take the step they have at this eleventh hour strongly impresses their fellow-Vermonters here that if anybody can avert this execution it is the sheriff and his deputies.

Such a movement is unique in the annals of murder in Vermont, and the action of the sheriffs won the approbation of the whole town.

And Mary Rogers knows the errand of the sheriffs to Montpelier, and sits



MRS. MARY M. ROGERS.
Who Was Today Granted a Reprieve by Governor C. J. Bell.

today praying in her cell. It was a pathetic scene in the prison, when just before reaching her daughter's cell the aged mother heard from Deputy Lovell his honest outbreak to Mr. Delaney that he was ready to lend a hand to save Mrs. Rogers' life, not that he had any love for her, but that he did not like the job his duty called on him to perform.

This, from a man who has hanged eight persons, seven men and a woman, until now comes from the hearing of the mother that the sheriffs go in a body before the governor.

With the departure of the sheriffs there was nothing doing at the prison yesterday. All further work upon the gibelet was stopped. It had been intended to test the half-inch cord with a weighted 200-pound bag of sand by springing the latter through the trap, but until word comes from the governor the clangor of the fall of the trap will not be heard within the prison.

The gallows have received a last coat of black asphalt paint. They are put together with screws, so that very little tapping of beams has penetrated through the death cell in the far southwest corner of the old wing, where the sun comes pouring in from above.

Mary Rogers, bathed in the sunshine, paced the corridor upon which her cell



DEPUTY SHERIFF W. S. LOVELL.
Who Suggested the Petition by Sheriffs for a Stay of Execution.

opens, while Guard Flint sat and smoked. The prisoner's grate is not locked, and she was given free movement up and down the corridor.

"I hope," said Mrs. Rogers, "that I won't make a fool of myself when it happens. I don't want it said that I did anything foolish."

She is a woman of curious mould, with a side not impervious to good influences, though the doctors regard her as a syphilomaniac.

Dr. J. T. Brewster will have as his assistants Dr. Daly of White River and Dr. Stiekney, now of Manchester, N. H., as the medical witnesses. The scaffold is 638 feet in dimensions, with a flush trap in the centre. The platform is eight feet above the floor. One flight of wooden steps leads to the platform.

This gallows was especially constructed 40 years ago for a double execution, and two murderers were swung at the same time from its beam. The construction is therefore, of more than ordinary strength.

HEARING BEFORE GOVERNOR BELL

Proceedings at Montpelier Yesterday Afternoon — Told Windsor County Sheriffs They Could Resign if They Wished.

Montpelier, Feb. 2.—At the close of the hearing held at the Pavilion yesterday afternoon on the petition for a reprieve for Mary M. Rogers, who is sentenced to be hanged tomorrow at Windsor, Gov. Bell, to whom the request was made, stated that he would give his answer this afternoon some time between three and four o'clock, at Waterbury, where he with the state committee, is investigating the state insane asylum. To the petition of the sheriffs of Windsor county who asked for a stay of the execution of Mrs. Rogers he made the simple statement that if they wished to resign their commissions they were at liberty to do so. The sheriffs who were present at the hearing were surprised to say the least, as they were not expecting that answer to the petition. It was considered as a rebuke to them.

Everyone who spoke at the hearing, excepting the attorney general was in favor of granting a reprieve for Mary Rogers, and they included Attorney T. W. Moloney of Rutland, Attorney E. B. Flinn of Springfield, J. K. Fuller, chaplain of the state prison, John H. Senter of Montpelier, Fr. C. C. Delaney, pastor of the Roman Catholic church at Windsor, ex-Lieut. Gov. S. S. Stanton, Deputy Sheriff Lovell of Windsor county, the man designated to spring the trap at the execution, was called upon, but asked to be excused as he thought the petition for reprieve had been fully covered. Mrs. Blickensderfer, the Stamford, Conn., woman, whose interest in the Rogers case has been evident through her communications in the papers and also through the announcement of her intentions in the same medium, was present at the hearing, but said nothing. She was also represented by two attorneys. Mrs. Blickensderfer was prepared to speak if called upon, but she was not asked. She is a woman of apparently a nervous temperament, tall, slender, dark-complexioned and a face of ashy pallor. She displayed her nervousness when she was ushered into the hearing. From a seat surrounded with men she listened intently to every word that was said.

Mrs. Moloney read a petition from Mary Rogers asking for a reprieve, and E. B. Flinn read the petition of the sheriffs of Windsor county. Then Mr. Moloney again spoke at more length, stating that he had been counsel for Stella Bates, a woman who had been arrested in connection with the same murder and who was released subsequent to the conviction of Mrs. Rogers. Mr. Moloney asked for the petition on the following grounds: (1) History of the family showed insanity in one or more cases. (2) The woman was pregnant when the crime was committed and that her mental condition was undoubtedly affected. (3) The record of the trial had never been before a supreme court for revision. (4) He (Moloney) would present petition for a new trial if the reprieve was granted.

Attorney Flinn again spoke at more length, stating his interviews with Perham, his accomplice of Mrs. Rogers, in which Perham had declared that he lied about Mrs. Rogers in the trial and that he did so to save his own neck. He was followed by the others who spoke more from the sentimental standpoint, declaring that it would be a disgrace to the state of Vermont to hang a

woman and that capital punishment would have been abolished at the last legislature if the basis of representation had been more fair.

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ATTEMPT AT BRIBERY

Official at Windsor Prison Offered \$400

TO CONVEY POISON

To Mrs. Rogers in Prison — Offer Came in Letter from Boston, and Contained \$200 in Bills.

Windsor, Feb. 2.—An attempt was made a few days ago to aid Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, condemned to be hanged, to cheat the gallows, by an offer of \$400 to one of the officers in the state prison here, to convey to the woman a package of poison which, together with a letter and two hundred dollars in bills, came through the mails from Boston. The letter promised \$200 more if the woman was dead before the time set for the execution. The official turned the package over to his superior officer, and Governor Bell. It was stated today that an arrest will be soon made by the Boston postoffice inspectors in connection with the sending of the package.

INSPECTORS DENY KNOWLEDGE.

Of Alleged Poison Sending Case Reported at Windsor.

Boston, Feb. 2.—The postoffice inspectors here deny knowledge of any arrest in the alleged poison sending case reported from Windsor, Vt.

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Programme for Musical.

Programme for the musical at the home of Rev. F. A. and Mrs. Poole Friday evening, February 3:

Selection Orchestra
Clarinet solo Ivan Perry
Songs, a, b, Miss Phillips
Reading, Mrs. A. C. Averill
Cello Solo, Lyle Perry
Song, with cello obligato, Mrs. Braley
Selection, Orchestra

I. O. O. F. DEFEATS F. of A.

Cribbage Games Last Evening Won by Former 5 to 3.

The I. O. O. F. cribbage team took a brace last evening and defeated the F. of A. team at five tables to three in the cribbage league contest. The result by tables was as follows: Stone and Webster, I. O. O. F., defeated Mackie and Milne, F. of A.; Nichols and Elrick, I. O. O. F., defeated Andrews and Borgh, F. of A.; Williams and Geddes, I. O. O. F., defeated Williams and Evans, F. of A.; Frew and Beck, I. O. O. F., defeated Stevens and Flynn, F. of A.; Bligh and Melver, I. O. O. F., defeated Scott and Veale, F. of A.

Smith and Clark, F. of A., defeated Gonyo and Marrian, I. O. O. F.; Stewart and Morrison, F. of A., defeated Stone and Willey, I. O. O. F.; Gibb and Smart, F. of A., defeated Maiden and Beaton, I. O. O. F.

The cribbage league standing:

	F.	W.	L.	Pct.
C. O. F.	88	51	37	.575
C. G.	80	42	38	.525
F. of A.	88	44	44	.500
M. U.	88	44	44	.500
R. M.	80	38	42	.475
I. O. O. F.	88	37	51	.429

CLOSE GAME.

Barre Team Won, But Montpelier Had Higher Total.

The local team of Central Vermont bowlers and the Montpelier employees of the same road met at Alexander's alleys last evening and put up a stiff fight for victory; but luck seemed to be with the Barre men, they succeeding in taking two strings, although Montpelier's total was five points to the good.

The score:

	BARRE.		MONTPELIER.
Rodgers	139	116	168—423
Reams	120	110	144—374
Carrigan	151	124	147—422
Wales	167	178	114—459
McEnany	101	147	148—396
	678	675	721—2074

BOYS' CLUB WON.

Defeated Eagles of Montpelier at Basket Ball Last Evening.

The Boys' club basket ball team of this city defeated the Eagles of Montpelier last evening at the Church street gymnasium by the score of 23 to 18. The game was close and exciting throughout, the score being tied several times.

The line up:

	BOYS' CLUB		EAGLES
Doby, c.	5	Brown	5
Tuttle, f.	5	Venner	5
Lafort, f.	1	Blondin	1
Smith, f.	1	Laramie	1
Senter, f.	1	Malcom	1
Umpire, Gauthier, referee, Carbo;			
time, three periods of 15 minutes each.			

BASKET BALL AT NORWICH.

Freshmen Beat Vermont Academy 34 to 14—Rallied in Last Half.

Northfield, Feb. 1.—At the Armory hall tonight, the freshman basket ball team defeated Vermont Academy, 34 to 14. In the first half of the game the score was 11 to 8 in favor of the academy. In the second half, Norwich woke up and only allowed Vermont Academy one basket while the freshmen made 12. Wilder, Amidon and Hutchinson starred for Norwich and Lovejoy for Vermont Academy.

JAPANESE SOCIAL.

To Be Given at the Hedding M. E. Church Friday Evening.

Following is the programme for the Japanese social at the Methodist church Friday evening, Feb. 3rd:

Mandolin and Piano Duet

Recitation—Japanese Lullaby

Beatrice Baghee

Reading—Every Day Life in Japan

Mrs. A. M. Bradley

Solo—Karama

Recitation—The Children in Japan

Hazel Lyon

Japanese Anthem

Mrs. Carl Densmore

Everyone is invited. Admission 15 cents, children 10 cents. Anyone having Japanese curios are requested to bring them.

PLEASANT SOCIAL TIME.

Modern Woodmen Entertain Ladies and Friends.

After the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen, Camp 8656, in their hall in the Scamini block last evening, a very pleasant social dance was held. There was a very large attendance, about sixty couples being present. Gilbertson's orchestra of five pieces furnished music and the dance was concluded at 1 o'clock. The committee which had the dance in charge was composed of the following woodmen, Edward Anderson, chairman; John Mercer, Alex. Emalie, Perley Northrop and Gilbert Phillips. Floor manager, A. J. Gravelin.

A BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

Mrs. A. H. Ordway Remembered by Her Friends.

Mrs. A. H. Ordway was given a very pleasant surprise party last evening at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. A. Churchill of Merchant street by about twenty of her friends. The occasion was in honor of her birthday. Gramophone selections entertained the party during the evening, and refreshments were served. Mrs. Ordway received a dozen silver spoons and fruit knives from her friends as a token of their esteem.

TEN IN SLEIGH WERE KILLED

Struck by Train on Railroad Crossing

THREE SERIOUSLY HURT

All Members of a Ladies Aid Society — Driver Unable to Stop His Team Until Sleigh Was on Track.

Hornellsville, N. Y., Feb. 2.—A passenger train on the Pittsburg, Shawmut and Northern railroad last night crashed into a sleigh containing a party of thirteen women, killing seven outright and so seriously injuring the remaining six that three of them died after being removed to the hospital. Of the other three, one is in a serious condition. The accident occurred near Arkport. The sleigh was one of three carrying a party from the Universalist church of this city.

The dead:

Mrs. Mary Gillette, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Mrs. Eugene Shaw, Mrs. Joseph Hallett, Mrs. C. C. Graves, Mrs. Bert Moore, Mrs. Ruth Patchen, Mrs. Coates, Mrs. Fred Green, Mrs. Fred Boughton.

The injured:

Mrs. F. R. Rowley, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Wallace Clark.

The members of the Ladies' Aid society of the Universalist church went to the Baldwin farm house near Arkport to spend the afternoon. It was nearly dark when they started on the return trip to the city. The occupants of the leading sleigh saw the train approaching as they neared the Shawmut crossing. The driver urged his horses ahead and the sleigh passed over the tracks in safety. The women in the first sleigh then attempted to warn those following of the danger and they did succeed in directing their attention to the rapidly approaching train. The driver pulled up his horses but he could not check the heavy bob sled quickly enough and when it came to a standstill the box of the sleigh was directly across the railroad track.

The pilot of the engine struck the sleigh with great force reducing it to splinters and hurling the women in all directions. Every woman on the sleigh was killed or injured.

The other members of the party hurried back to the assistance of their unfortunate companions and the train was stopped and backed up to the crossing. The night was appalling. It seemed impossible that any occupant of the sleigh could have escaped death. Bodies lay alongside the track for a distance of 100 yards and great crimson stains upon the white surface of the snow told too plainly that some of the women had received mortal injuries.

EXPRESSES APPRECIATION.

Principal O. K. Hollister Thanks Friends for Kindness and Firemen for Good Work.

Mr. Editor: In behalf of the students and teachers of Goddard seminary I wish to express their appreciation, in the columns of your paper, of the many kindnesses shown to them on Tuesday night by the people of the city, both in opening their homes to them, and in assisting them to remove their things from the building. We all regret the reports that were circulated about pilfering. The only strange thing is that so few articles were lost in the hurry of taking them out of doors.

In behalf of the trustees and friends of the school I want to thank the firemen for the noble work they did. The fire was in the partitions and the fact that they located and controlled it in a building of such height, reflects a great credit upon the skill of the department. They also showed great care in the use of water that we were able to open school this morning. We all feel like taking off our hats to the Barre Fire Department.

O. K. HOLLISTER.

QUARRY OWNERS ELECTION.

George Gray is President and William Marr Vice President.

The annual meeting of the Granite Quarry Owners Association was held last evening in their rooms in the Miles block and the following officers were elected: President, George Gray; vice-president, William Marr; secretary, William Barclay, Jr.; treasurer, J. W. McDonald, executive committee, George Hatch, Alex. Jones and J. K. Pirie; arbitration committee, D. W. McDonald, George B. Milne and Donald Smith; house committee, J. M. Boutwell, H. J. M. Jones and John E. Smith; auditors, Alex. Milne and C. E. Lowe. After the election refreshments were served and an enjoyable smoke talk was held.

FUNERAL OF MRS. McLAUGHLIN.

Held from St. Monica's Church This Morning—Interment at Winooski.

The funeral of Mrs. Catherine McLaughlin was held this morning at 7 o'clock from St. Monica's church, Rev. Father Gray officiating. The pall bearers were Samuel Kingston, Eugene Sullivan, Michael Keefe and John Cherry. The body was taken on the 8:35 train to Winooski for interment.